

VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK

April 2017

Subject: Litter and Spring Clean Up

Date: _____

Location (garage, mm, etc...):

Instructions:

Safety Coordinators & Supervisors should use this Tailgate Talk as a guide for discussion during their safety meetings. The primary purpose of the safety meetings is to give crews the opportunity to discuss any safety related concerns they may have.

Once the meeting has concluded, the Presenter should have each employee sign this form and include their Employee ID# in the spaces below.

TGT Presenter: _____

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Individuals who are working and assisting in the Litter and Spring Clean Up should be made aware of the host of exposures they may encounter during litter picking and cleanup activities. Care should be taken to avoid contact with infectious agents and hazardous materials that may be encountered while employees are out litter picking.

Cleanup work of any kind is hazardous, so please make sure you protect yourself at all times.

Wear proper PPE to prevent exposure or injury while working on our right of ways. All employees must perform the following:

- Wear proper work shoes that are durable and provide support to your ankles. No sneakers.
- Wear an approved ANSI class 2 or 3 safety vest over the outermost layer of clothing, visible at all times.
- Have rain gear available if the weather looks like rain and be prepared to seek shelter in the event of a lighting storm.
- Wear safety glasses for your eyes for protection.
- Clothing should be light and bright colored.
- Hats, long sleeve shirts and pants should be worn.
- All employees be advised of the rules of the road for their safety. This includes working as a team or with partners making sure that everyone is safe at all times.
- Every effort should be made to work on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic and work one side at a time.
- Park vehicles well clear of the roadway so that they do not cause an accident, at least 10 feet from the shoulders within reason.
- Watch your footing when working on slopes and wet surfaces. Do not horseplay or distract others and try to be courteous to your coworkers at all times.

When lifting, use the approved lifting technique:

Bend your knees, grasp the item firmly, pivot your feet and avoid twisting.

If you see any blood contaminated material such as needles, syringes, bloody bandages, IV tubes, etc. follow the Bloodborne pathogen program. Use grabbers to pick up this material, not your hands (even with gloves on).

Assume that it is contaminated. If a needle accidentally sticks you, report it to your supervisor **IMMEDIATELY**.

Be extremely careful when picking up plastic bags. Do not let them brush against your legs and do not place your hands under the bag. You never know what is inside them.

Remember not to touch toxic or hazardous waste, dead birds and animals without appropriate PPE.

Please be aware that hazardous materials, infectious substances and toxic material may be encountered throughout your work day. Also, there are other concerns to be aware of such as ticks and poisonous plants to name a few.

Floodwater areas may be contaminated by oil, gasoline and raw sewage. Roads and riverbanks may have weakened, so stay a safe distance (10 feet) from the edge along rivers and streams.

Watch for containers that may contain hazardous substances, either household or industrial and report any findings to your supervisor.

Mold exposure risk from sheetrock, insulation and any other materials that hold moisture may be experienced, along with the risk of contact with asbestos or lead from roofing, shingles, siding, ceiling or floor tiles and other construction debris you may encounter.